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ATTN WILLIAM RISTER
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RE: Site Management Activity Completed - (Canaan Post Office) Site (#96-1942)

Dear Mr. Rister:

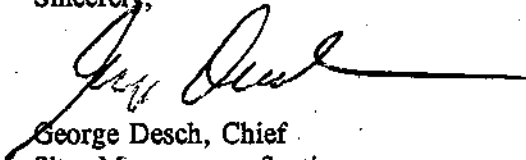
The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Sites Management Section (SMS) has reviewed the Site Investigation Report submitted by Mr. Scott Martin of SEA Consultants, Inc. on June 19, 1996 for the above referenced site. During the tank removal, low level volatile organic compound (VOC) contamination was found and the SMS requested additional work due to this contamination. Based on the current conditions at this site, the SMS has determined that this site is now eligible for a SMAC (Site Management Activity Completed) designation. This means that the SMS has determined the following:

- the 500 gallon, #2 fuel oil UST has been removed from the ground, and is no longer a continuing source of petroleum contamination at this site;
- groundwater was not encountered during the site assessment, however, bedrock refusal was encountered at each soil boring. Samples were collected of soils found to have some VOC contamination based on readings from a photoionization detector (PID) during the advancement of borings. These samples were found to contain only low levels of total xylenes and/or toluene, well below the Groundwater Enforcement Standards and Vermont Health Advisory Levels;
- all petroleum contaminated soil was backfilled into the former UST pit after its removal, however, work performed during the follow-up site investigation found only low level residual contamination just beyond the extent of the former UST pit; and
- any residual contamination does not pose an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment.

Based on these findings, the SMS has determined that site management activities have been completed. The completion of these activities does not release the United States Postal Service of any past or future liability which may arise from the petroleum contamination discovered to have originated from the USTs at the Canaan Post Office site. It does mean that the SMS is not requiring any additional work be performed in response to the contamination discovered at this site.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact either me or Tim Cropley at (802)241-3888.

Sincerely,



George Desch, Chief
Sites Management Section

cc: Canaan Selectboard
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